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SUBJECT: SAUL CLAIM

REF: STATE 226702; NAIROBI 10073

1. SAUL'S WASHINGTON ATTORNEY (SYLVAN MARSHALL) INFORMED DEPTOFF THAT PARIS MEETINGS SEPT. 18-19 BETWEEN SAUL, ARONSON AND MARSHALL RESULTED IN DECISION THAT ARONSON WOULD RETURN NAIROBI TO RENEW DISCUSSIONS OF SAUL CLAIM SETTLEMENT WITH NATURAL RESOURCES MINISTRY PERMSEC OMINO AND POSSIBLY WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO (CLASSMATE OF BOTH OMINO AND ARONSON). ARONSON REPORTEDLY WILL ATTEMPT PERSUADE GOK TO INCREASE OFFER OF INITIAL COMPENSATION FROM CURRENT DOLS. 300,000 RANGE.

2. MARSHALL STATED THAT "EVEN DOLS.750,000" RANGE WOULD BE REGARDED BY SAUL GROUP AS SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN OFFER, BUT DID NOT SPECIFY AMOUNT ARONSON WOULD ASK IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOK. MARSHALL ARGUED THAT REMAINDER OF COMPENSATION OFFERED BY GOK WAS "ILLUSORY" BECAUSE IT WOULD BE DERIVED FROM FURTHER OPERATIONS OF MINE AND WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING FOR LONG TIME. MARSHALL SURMISED,
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HOWEVER, THAT GOK PROBABLY "STUCK" WITH CURRENT OFFER, SINCE

HE UNDERSTOOD FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE BY GOK FOR PROPOSED
INITIAL PAYMENT.

3. MARSHALL DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER SAUL GROUP HAD
REACHED ANY DECISION IN PARIS AS TO WHETHER CURRENT GOK
OFFER WOULD BE ACCEPTED SHOULD ADDITIONAL ARONSON EFFORTS
NOT BEAR FRUIT. KISSINGER

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